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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: PARM, US  
SUBJ: SBT: SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE:  
CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENCY

REF: A. GENEVA 1021, B. GENEVA 1122

1. SUMMARY: AS INDICATED REFTEL B, DURING CCD WESTERN  
DEL'S MEETING FEB 15, CANADIAN REP RAISED SUBJECT OF  
CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENCY OF SEABED REVCON, INDICATING  
PERSONAL BELIEF THERE WERE BENEFITS IN HAVING PROFESSIONAL,  
OBJECTIVE AND SKILLFUL PRESIDENT SUCH AS POLISH REP WYZNER,  
AND ASKED FOR OTHER VIEWS. UK REITERATED SUPPORT FOR  
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FINNISH UN AMBASSADOR PASTINEN; ALTERNATE US REP REFERRED  
TO REACTIONS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MEETING DESCRIBED REFTEL A,  
AND SAID US HOPED THERE COULD BE CLEARER INDICATION OF  
STRENGTH OF CANDIDACIES THAN PRESENTLY EXISTED.  
SUBSEQUENTLY, PRIOR TO OPENING OF CCD SESSION FEB 15,  
UK DEL ADVISED USDEL IT HAD TAKEN FURTHER SOUNDINGS AND  
ASCERTAINED CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION TO PASTINEN AMONG

NON-ALIGNED, AND SOME POSSIBILITY OF CANDIDACY FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. PARA 11, REFTEL B, INDICATES CCD WESTERN GROUP REPS, ALL OF WHOM ATTENDED PREPCOM FOR SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVCON, DISCUSSED QUESTION OF PRESIDING OFFICER FOR REVCON COMMENCING JUNE 20, 1977. WHAT OCCURRED WAS THAT CANADIAN REP RAISED THE SUBJECT; ASKED FOR REACTIONS OF OTHER REPS; AND NOTED THAT PERSONALLY HE SAW ADVANTAGES IN HAVING AS PRESIDENT POLISH REP WYZNER, WHO HAD DEMONSTRATED IN PREPCON MEETINGS HIS SKILL, OBJECTIVITY AND ABILITY TO CONTAIN SOME OF THE MORE MISCHEVIOUS EFFORTS OF SUCH REPS AS ROMANIAN REP. HE THOUGHT HAVING AN EASTERN EUROPEAN IN THE CHAIR WOULD PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT FOR A WESTERN CANDIDATE IN NEXT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN COMPLETITION. UK REP REITERATED SUPPORT FOR FINNISH UN REP PASTINEN. ASKED BY CANADIAN, US ALTERNATE REP SUMMARIZED COMMENTS OF REPS FROM BELGIUM, SWEDEN, USSR, US, YUGOSLAVIA AND FINLAND, WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN MEETING DESCRIBED REFTEL A, AND OBSERVED US VIEWS WERE BASED PRIMARILY ON CONSIDERATIONS OF COMPETENCE, AND EVEN-HANDEDNESS; THAT WE WOULD BE INFLUENCED BY VIEWS OF OTHER DELS; THAT US DEL HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY POLISH REP'S SKILLS, OBJECTIVITY AND RELATIVE INDEPENDENCE BUT REALIZED THAT OTHER CONSIDERATIONS ENTERED INTO CANDIDACY ISSUE THAN JUST THESE QUALITIES, AND THAT A GOOD ARGUMENT COULD BE MADE FOR HAVING PRESIDENT COME FROM NEUTRAL COUNTRY.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSIONS  
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OF CCD AFTERNOON OF FEB 15, UK DEL TOLD US DEL THEY HAD MADE FURTHER SOUNDINGS AMONG DELS PRESENT AT PREPCON, AND HAD ASCERTAINED SOMEWHAT TO THEIR SURPRISE THERE APPEARED TO BE CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION TO PASTINEN CANDIDACY, ON PART OF NON-ALIGNED DELS. UK DEL THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE SOME POSSIBILITY OF A LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRY CANDIDACY, PARTICULARLY IF THERE APPEARED TO BE A STRONG CONTEST BETWEEN SYZNER AND PASTINEN.CATTO

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